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Application No. : 10/548,081

Mail Stop Amendment

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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TRANSMISSION

Mail Stop Amendment

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Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-captioned application.

_____ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

_____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

_____ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.

_____ A Request for Extension of Time.

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits,
the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.